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June 28, 1990

Mr. Glenn M. Eurick
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Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

Dear Mr. Eurick:

Re: Board Hearing Proceedings, Conditional Approval of Amount and Form of Reclamation Surety, Permit Revision, Barrick Mercur Sunrise Waste Rock Dump & Dump Leach Area No. 3, M/045/017-88(1), Tooele County, Utah

On June 28, 1990, the Division presented Barrick's permit revision to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, requesting concurrence on the amount and form of reclamation surety. The Board concurred with acceptance of the amount (\$8,808,891) and form (Self-bonding & Indemnity Agreement) of reclamation surety with the following conditions:

1. Barrick Resources (USA), Inc. must acquire the appropriate corporate signature of the parent corporation (American Barrick Resources Corporation) as co-obligee in assuming the ultimate reclamation obligation for the Mercur Mine.

Mr. David Beatty of your office was provided with clean copies of the Reclamation Contract (FORM MR-RC) and the Self-bonding and Indemnity Agreement forms following the hearing. The appropriate corporate signature pages should be filled out, signed, notarized and returned to the Division as soon as possible. These pages will be attached to the latest original forms presently on file.

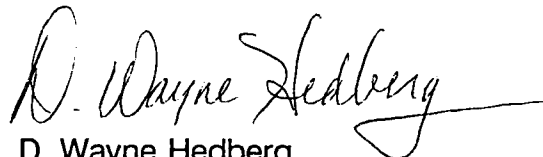
2. The Board has requested a formal update as to the status of the outstanding lawsuit against Barrick by Gold Standard, Inc. Please provide any recent decisions or other rulings which may help define the ultimate outcome of this litigation.

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3. The Board has also requested that Barrick Resources (USA) provide supplemental information regarding any other reclamation obligations/liabilities for mines owned and/or operated by American Barrick Resources Corporation (parent). The information should include any dollar amounts of reclamation obligations that may exist for said properties, and/or a general operational overview which describes the type of mine, size (permitted disturbed acreage), type and number of mine/milling support facilities involved, etc., i.e., information which would help the Division calculate a "ballpark" estimate of potential reclamation liability.

Please provide the Division with a response to these requests as soon as possible. The Board has requested resolution of these issues before the Board's conditional concurrence on amount and form of reclamation surety becomes final and effective. The Division appreciates your patience and continued cooperation in completing this permitting action. Please call me should you have any related questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Permit Supervisor, Minerals Program

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